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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BREWER'S REMARKS AT PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS

REFERENCE: STATE 179242

1. QUOTE: I AM HONORED AS WELL AS PLEASED TO BE HERE TO-
DAY TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY CREDENTIALS AS UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN.

2. MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMED THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC
TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN JULY, 1972. SINCE THEN
WE HAVE AGAIN BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE MANY AREAS OF COMMON
INTEREST IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER. AS WITH MY
COUNTRY YEARS AGO, YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ACHIEVED A STATES-
MANLIKE SETTLEMENT OF A DEBILITATING CIVIL WAR. MY GOVERN-
MENT WAS HAPPY TO PROVIDE SOME HELP IN THIS ENDEAVOR
THROUGH ASSISTANCE TO THE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. THAT PROGRAM IS NOW DRAW-
ING TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE, A TRIBUTE TO THE COOPERATIVE
EFFORT OF THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AS WELL AS
ALL OTHERS INVOLVED.

3. OUR COMMON EFFORTS HAVE NOT, HAPPILY, BEEN RESTRICTED

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TO SUCH PROJECTS OF A TEMPORARY NATURE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE

UNITED STATES HAS JOINED THE WORLD BANK AND THE KUWAIT DEVELOPMENT FUND IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF THE RAHAD PROJECT, WHICH ON COMPLETION SHOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE INCOMES OF THOUSANDS OF SUDANESE FARMING FAMILIES. WE ARE HAPPY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SUDAN IN TAKING THIS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL. IT WILL BE MY EARNEST ENDEAVOR TO FOSTER SUCH MUTUALLY SOUND AND BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

4. IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL PERMIT A PERSONAL NOTE, I WOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY OWN PLEASURE ON THIS OCCASION TO BE RETURNING TO THE ARAB WORLD WITH WHICH MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY. AND I FEEL PARTICULARLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY MY PRESIDENT TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF A DISTINGUISHED PREDECESOR AND FRIEND WHOSE OWN MISSION WAS SO TRAGICALLY CUT SHORT.

5. YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY CONSTANT PREOCCUPATION WILL BE TO WORK TO EXPAND THE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH, HAPPILY, ALREADY UNDERPINS OUR COUNTRIES' TIES. WITH THE GOODWILL WHICH FORTUNATELY EXISTS ON BOTH SIDES, I AM CONFIDENT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES CAN BE BROADENED AND DEEPENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD. UNQUOTE. RUSH

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